

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CRIMINAL ILLEGAL ALIENS RELEASED

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 6, 2023

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on January 30th, the Epoch Times revealed a serious threat to American families with the Biden Administration releasing 1,316 criminal illegal aliens in one month according to Zachary Stieber. It is disgusting endangering American families.

"Immigration officials released 521 convicted criminal aliens and 795 with pending criminal charges in December."

"The number of convicted criminal aliens and those with pending charges released rose by 58 percent from the prior month."

"The law explicitly requires that those who cross the border illegally be detained, but the Biden administration clearly doesn't want to detain or deport anyone," according to Ron Kovach, press secretary at the Federation for American Immigration Reform.

"Immigration and Custom Enforcement did not dispute the report but declined to comment."

With masses of illegal alien criminals and hundreds of terrorist watchlist crossings, American families are at a greater risk than ever for mass murderous attacks at home.

In conclusion, God Bless our troops, who successfully protected America for 20 years, as the global war on terrorism continues, moving from the Afghanistan safe haven to America.

HONORING THE 45TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FRANKLIN CENTER FOR GLOBAL POLICY EXCHANGE

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 6, 2023

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an important milestone in the history of The Franklin Center for Global Policy Exchange—the organization turns 45 this year. For those not familiar with the group, the Franklin Center was founded in 1978 and is a nonpartisan, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization committed to enhancing understanding of important international issues.

Along with its partner organization, The Ripon Society, The Franklin Center holds an international policy conference each year in a foreign capital. Called the TransAtlantic Capital to Capital Exchange, the policy conference brings Republican and Democratic lawmakers together with their legislative counterparts overseas to discuss and learn more about the challenges facing America and her allies around the world.

Closer to home, the Franklin Center and Ripon Society also hold a dinner each year at one of our Nation's Presidential Libraries, where they present Members of Congress with the Roosevelt Leadership Award. This award honors those lawmakers who embody the qualities that Theodore Roosevelt spoke of when he said: "The credit belongs to those who are actually in the arena, who strive valiantly . . . who at best know the triumph of high achievement; and who, at worst, if they fail, fail while daring greatly."

Finally, the Franklin Center and Ripon Society hold a bipartisan luncheon at the end of each year to honor the "Unsung Heroes of Capitol Hill"—that is the schedulers and executive assistants who quietly and faithfully work behind the scenes to keep the trains running on time in both the House and the Senate.

In addition to its work with the current generation of world leaders, the Franklin Center seeks to invest in the leaders of future generations by funding a scholarship program at Johns Hopkins University. The scholarship is named after The Honorable Connie Morella, who represented Maryland's 8th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1987 to 2003, and later served as Ambassador to the OECD from 2003 to 2007. A longtime supporter of the Franklin Center, Ambassador Morella currently serves as the Chairwoman Emeritus of the organization.

The Constance A. Morella Scholarship is offered to an undergraduate student at the Zanvyl Krieger School of Arts and Sciences at Johns Hopkins and requires an independent research project that examines some of the most pressing questions in global affairs.

At a time when so many groups and organizations seem to come and go in American politics, the Franklin Center for Global Policy Exchange has been a fixture for 45 years. I congratulate them on this achievement and wish them all the best in the years ahead.

RECOGNIZING MS. CARMEN MARTINEZ, OUTSTANDING CITIZEN IN THE 51ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. JUAN VARGAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 6, 2023

Mr. VARGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Carmen Martinez, outstanding healthcare advocate and community member in the 51st Congressional District.

Ms. Martinez is being honored for her long-time commitment to supporting healthcare and public health access. She was one of seven founding "Mothers" of San Ysidro Health, founded by residents in search of medical services for their children.

Ms. Martinez originally established "el Club de las Madres," and in 1969 opened the "casita," the Centro de Salud de la Comunidad, which was a small house with

only 2 rooms and 4 dedicated volunteers. San Ysidro Health, one of San Diego's largest non-profit community health providers, has grown to having a \$50 million budget, 650 employees and 24 medical, dental, counseling and other services. San Ysidro Health has provided care for more than 110,000 patients and has more than 50 clinic and program sites, serving patients who have no insurance and receive Medi-Cal or Medicare.

For her dedication, Mother Carmen Martinez was awarded with Southwestern College's honorary degree. She has been honored in the community for her strength, wisdom, perseverance, courage and love for its people.

Ms. Martinez is being honored as the 51st District Constituent of the Month in September 2022, during Hispanic Heritage Month, as well as, during the month she turns 99 years of age. She is recognized for her work in paving the way to provide greater access and affordable healthcare services for all constituents, and she also continues to inspire the next generation of supporters of healthcare access.

INTRODUCTION OF THE FEDERAL POLICE CAMERA AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2023

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 6, 2023

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I, along with Representative DONALD S. BEYER, Jr., introduce the Federal Police Camera and Accountability Act of 2023. This bill would require uniformed federal law enforcement officers to wear body cameras and marked federal law enforcement vehicles to have dashboard cameras. It would also require the Government Accountability Office to conduct a study on federal law enforcement officers' training, vehicle pursuits, use of force and interaction with citizens. In the last two Congresses, we introduced virtually identical bills, which were included in the House-passed George Floyd Justice in Policing Act both Congresses.

After the January 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol, the urgency of this bill has become even more apparent. The U.S. Capitol Police tried to stop the mob attack, but since Capitol Police officers do not wear body cameras, we have been forced to rely on social media, cameras in and around the Capitol, body cameras worn by Metropolitan Police Department officers and public reporting to learn what happened. The events at Lafayette Square in 2020, where U.S. Park Police and other federal police officers forcibly removed peaceful protestors so the president could hold a photo op, is another recent example of why our bill is needed.

We first introduced this bill after Bijan Ghaisar was fatally shot on November 17, 2017, in his car by uniformed U.S. Park Police officers in Fairfax County, Virginia, after a vehicle pursuit on the George Washington Memorial Parkway. Video of this shooting only

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